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CITY HALL WAS SQUANDERED

Thank you, *Eugene Weekly* and Joseph Cappelletti for the revealing and revolting article about the late city hall and the aftermath of that decision ("They Put Up a Parking Lot," *EW* 3/4).

If I and/or most of my fellow citizens robbed someone, we would go to jail. How is it that our former city manager can rob us all and get paid handsomely to do it?

Our former city manager, Jon Ruiz, was supposed to manage, not squander. A person who is hired to be a city manager should be looking at ways to improve the lives of the people who live in the city they're managing. Most of these citizens work hard to pay their taxes, which are so high that some might and do lose their homes if they can't make the payments. These are people's lives we are talking about. Ruiz' cavalier statement when questioned about why he didn't inform the councilors of going over budget was, "No particular reason." I think he should be prosecuted, as well as the ex-president. How on Earth can we accept this? By doing so we are accepting a crime!

The new city hall project is now over \$40 million and climbing.

The article ends with Mayor Lucy Vining saying that even though there isn't much public support, the council is remaining committed to the project (with the exception of Councilor Emily Semple), and completing it should be viewed as an economic recovery plan!

Our former mayor says we should have a new city hall, which should be a symbol of justice and equality and visually symbolic of a city's culture, history and democracy. I wasn't aware that democracy, etc., included robbing its citizens.

I was promised by last year's quiet zone project manager that the quiet zone would be done by this year. Has anyone heard anything about that project? And what about homelessness? And roads?

\$40 million could do a lot to improve the lives of people in our city rather than save the former and current powers that be from looking bad for their own bad decisions by building a costly replacement.

Jean Denis
Eugene

WHAT DOWNTOWN NEEDS IS A PARK

Thank you, Marc Time ("Unpave the Lot and Bring Back Paradise," Letters 3/11). I agree to turn the old city hall pit into a park. Going further, I would call it Kesey Park.

Kesey Square is nice, but a park can only improve the urban landscape of downtown. When I moved here from Michigan with my 4-year-old son, the downtown area was pedestrian only, a pleasant way to spend a sunny afternoon.

Now going through downtown to visit friends, sure, you see people out and about, but no one lingers too long. A park would energize people, pets and families to have a feeling of more community-based entertainment. And a nice place to picnic on a sunny day.

That's my two cents. What do others think about this idea? Maybe the *Weekly* could conduct a survey to see how others feel about these ideas.

Marilee King
Springfield

MISPLACED TOURISM

In the article "The RV Pandemic Life-style" (*EW* 2/25) I was upset to see the classification of a Black Lives Matter protest as an "exciting" tourist destination comparable to the Vegas Strip or the Grand Ole Opry. BIPOC people are fighting for their lives against systemic racism; this struggle is not a tourist attraction. I also do not agree with the choice to travel to 49 states during a pandemic that, incidentally, is disproportionately impacting BIPOC communities. You can't be a tourist and a good ally, especially during a pandemic.

Danielle Hirsch
Eugene

CLEAN UP J.H. BAXTER

Can it get any worse?

I've lived in northwest Eugene for three years, three blocks from the J.H. Baxter creosote plant, and the brain numbing smells coming out of that place are not healthy.

I understand DEQ and LRAPA are testing the soils at the edge of the plant for dioxins (dangerous chemicals that



VIEWPOINT BY STEVE KIMES

Pass the Right to Rest Act

AFTER YEARS OF SYSTEMIC CRUELTY AGAINST THE UNHOUSED, IT'S TIME TO PASS HB 2367

As a Mennonite pastor, I've assisted people struggling with homelessness in Portland, Gresham and Eugene for 27 years. I've advocated for them and assisted them through countless sweeps. Here are some of the many acts of systemic cruelty toward the unhoused I have witnessed.

• City sweeps and citations are usually "complaint driven." I have had neighbors tell me they called the police and lied about what unhoused people were doing on my property. I know of people who drive through the city, looking for camps to complain about.

• Portland has a phone line, an email address and a website for people to report homeless camps. Eugene has a website. City resources are used frequently against people not participating in criminal activity. Portland even hires a cleanup company to help enforce regular sweeps of homeless camps.

• I have seen disabled people cited and fined in Eugene for not being able to move in the time required without any accommodation provided by city governments.

• I have seen city workers in both Portland and Eugene discard survival gear because it was "wet" or "likely to mold" in storage, despite state law requiring storage. In Eugene, the sweeps have begun to use bulldozers to dump whole tents into dumpsters, which does not allow workers to legally determine what could be salvaged and what could not.

• City workers in Portland admitted to me that they have stored seized possessions in Tigard, an hour and a half bus ride from Portland. I helped one person call the retrieval number the workers gave us, and we were told we would get a callback. But no one called.

• I have helped disabled houseless people try to find another location and move in the middle of icy rain.

• I have provided hotel accommodations for people who were forced to move despite being ill during this pandemic. The city of Eugene provided no accommodation.

• I have seen camps of 12 to 20 people forced to move because of the criminal activity or the garbage pile of one individual in the camp.

• I have seen unhoused people blamed for activity such as dumping garbage that they did not do. They were forced to move and/or cited anyway.

• I have seen vehicles cited for being in "storage" and threatened with towing for "abandonment" when the officer citing the vehicle knows that it is not abandoned or stored, but in fact occupied by the owners.

• I have seen these vehicle owners work for days to get a tow from a friend or acquaintance, have the vehicle moved to legal parking, and then cited again in two weeks in the new location by the same officer who cited them the first time.

• I have seen a disabled person, forced to move away from the area she was staying in, weep for hours because she believed that she would never see her boyfriend again because he was in jail and wouldn't know where she moved to.

• I have seen police hold, cuff and threaten to arrest unhoused people on my private property, although I had granted them permission to be there. An officer screamed at me for allowing these people on my property.

• I have seen people, traumatized by past experiences with police, abandon their property and flee when officers show up.

A barber was allowing a disabled woman from Gresham to stay behind his shop nightly. A local officer cited her for trespassing and threatened to arrest her if he found her anywhere in the city for the next 30 days. The services she needed were in the city, but she worried that if she were arrested her little dogs would be taken. So she took the train out of the city every night and back during the day. She came to our church for rest and a meal, looking sick and exhausted. We asked if we could take her to a hospital, but she refused because she had to follow the officers orders. She walked away from our church that night and died in the parking lot of a Salvation Army.

Police, homeless advocates and experts all agree that arrests, citations and sweeps do nothing to address the underlying issues of homelessness. Criminalization of houseless people only serves to perpetuate cycles of homelessness.

Contact your Oregon legislator to support House Bill 2367, the Right to Rest act. It is time for us, as communities, to see police work as the answer to homelessness, which only serves to punish the poorest of our neighbors, and to discover real solutions. ■

Steve Kimes is pastor of Eugene Mennonite Church and has assisted houseless people for 27 years throughout Oregon.

were components of Agent Orange), but there is a hell of a lot more that needs to be tested. Why only just the edge? Why not the air, too?

There are people living across the roads, and further out, who are being affected badly.

I realize Baxter has been there for eons, but since the city allowed residential growth around the plant, the city should also make damn sure that the plant is following the most up to date scientific rules that protect us all from these toxins. That's their job.

Baxter's been charged a total of \$36,000 for violations since 1993. Chump change, actually, and it's easier to pay the fines than to actually fix the problems. A multi-agency coalition has formed, including interested west Eugene community members, and it is meeting monthly to work out a plan to clean up J.H. Baxter. Contact Beyond Toxics at 541-465-8860 to be included in the email list for the monthly meetings.

West Eugene has been ignored for far too long and it's time the city paid us some attention. Or is it because this area is mostly low-income with lots of people of color that they ignore us? I hope not.

Robin Bloomgarden
Eugene

NEWMAN FOR 4J BOARD

Three Eugene 4J School Board seats are on the ballot this May. Please join me in supporting Judy Newman for re-election to her post. Newman is one of Oregon's leading early childhood and special needs experts with deep experience and knowledge in governance, teamwork, leadership and education.

The issues facing the school district are profound: Getting our children safely back to school; recruiting a new school superintendent; resolving achievement gaps and creating safe and equitable environments for learning.

As a 25-year volunteer at United Way and founder of Early Childhood Cares, Newman is a tireless advocate for all children and families, especially those needing a hand up to enter school ready to learn. She brings to the school board transparency, accountability, teamwork and collaboration.

As the former executive director of United Way, I frequently witnessed Newman bring contentious parties to the table and help them find the common good. She "gets" governance.

With so many important issues facing us there is no one more qualified to lead and to care for our kiddos and families. Please help re-elect Newman to the 4J School Board. Her website ElectJudyNewman.com has more information on her positions, her experience and her many endorsers.

Priscilla Gould
Eugene

USE WHAT YOU HAVE FOR THE HOMELESS

The city of Eugene did not have a strategic plan this winter to accommodate the abundance of the unhoused population, supposedly due to COVID-19. The city just continues to shuffle this vulnerable population of folks who are in great need of mental health therapy, job opportunities, substance abuse counseling and learning to trust society once again.

Why couldn't the Edison Elementary School be refurbished and restructured to host the homeless population rather than tearing it down? Could it be that Edison Elementary School is located in the south hills? So many empty schools and empty buildings that could be used to create livable spaces with opportunities of growth and independence for the unhoused.

Why not utilize these spaces to make folks feel useful rather than misplace them? Every person has a skill set and could contribute to the greater good for all. It's time for the city of Eugene to create viable living spaces with meaning and hope for our unhoused.

Debora Connolly
Cottage Grove

IT'S TIME TO CANCEL THE JORDAN COVE PROJECT

Late last month, Pembina Pipeline Corp. announced that they could "sadly" no longer predict if the Jordan Cove LNG export terminal and fracked gas pipeline would ever be built. Our coalition, made up of tribes, impacted land owners, commercial fishermen, community organizers and climate activists, has fought tirelessly against this project for well over a decade and was anything but sad to hear the news.

However, until this project is canceled for good, landowners along the path of the pipeline live under the constant threat of having their land condemned by the use of eminent domain for a project that they know will never be built. It is time for Pembina to free our state from the threat of this pipeline, which has been hanging over Oregon since it was first proposed in 2004. It is time for the corporation to throw in the towel and admit that they've been beaten, so we can get on with building the future that we know we so desperately need.

Dylan Plummer
Eugene

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Think Global Pandemic, Act Local

A WHITEAKER NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP LED THE CHARGE FOR VACCINATING, AND IT COULD SET AN EXAMPLE FOR DISTRIBUTING TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES

By Henry Houston

On March 12, a long line of people wrapped around a humble, nameless church building in the Whiteaker neighborhood. People were there because it had spread by word of mouth and on social media that a COVID-19 vaccine clinic didn't have enough appointments to use all of its doses on eligible patients, and was offering the shots to all comers without identification or insurance cards to prove eligibility.

As many as 100 people were inoculated after people with appointments were served.

With fewer than a dozen volunteers and on a tight timeline, the Whiteaker Community Council (WCC) worked with Walgreens to inject 500 doses of the new Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine in the community. Although WCC had a short timeline to locate Oregon Health Authority-eligible residents, other neighborhood groups and community-based organizations could lead similar efforts as a way to empower local communities and help the county vaccinate residents.

Since July 2020, WCC has been active in raising awareness about public health with the campaign "All Four One, One Four All" that is designed to keep renters, the unhoused and elders safe by reminding them to stay six feet apart, wash their hands, wear a mask and test often. The volunteer-run, nonprofit neighborhood group received a \$34,365 grant from OHA, which it used to keep vulnerable populations in the area safe.

"We've been working for the past nine months since July making sure that people have access to the information that they need from CDC, from OHA, from Lane County Public Health and access to resources like PPE so we can reduce infection and transmission" says WCC At-Large Board Member Ian Winbrosk.

Using the grant, the group handed out water bottles and PPE, developed marketing materials and spent as much money as possible in the Whiteaker, Winbrosk says.

The Whiteaker is home to the Eugene Mission and has a large community of unhoused people because it's a safe space for them and it is close to services, Winbrosk says. He says unhoused people are twice as likely to be hospitalized from COVID-19, four times as likely to require critical care and three times as likely to die.

On Monday, March 8, WCC received an email from OHA saying the neighborhood group was offered an opportunity to do even more for its community: provide 600 vaccines from Walgreens, but with the requirement that it had to be distributed by the end of the week. In the email, the OHA official says all recipients had to be eligible according to OHA's guidelines. As of March 18, eligible residents include those 65 and older as well as K-12 teachers and school employees and childcare, and health care providers.

Over the next three days, in addition to working a full time job, Winbrosk and other volunteers searched for a

clinic location, developed a survey for Whiteaker residents to make appointments based on eligibility and worked with local groups to spread the word about the event.

Around 5 pm the day before the event, Winbrosk says group members realized they weren't getting enough reservations. Initially, the vaccines were reserved for Whiteaker residents, but Winbrosk says they decided to open it up for everyone who met eligibility. He shared the survey with other neighborhood groups, the Eugene Chamber of Commerce and on social media.

On the day of the vaccine event, eligible people accounted for 250 out of the 400 appointments, according to Winbrosk, but volunteers kept making appointments throughout the day. All 400 appointments were scheduled, and the clinic inoculated 100 walk-ups. And

best and most successful clinics and was the largest one in southern Oregon.

Lane County Commissioner Laurie Trieger, who represents south Eugene, says there's no such thing as a wrong arm for a vaccine right now. Trieger says there's two ways to look at COVID-19 infections. A younger person, for example, who works at a grocery store is more likely to contract the virus and can spread it easier. An older person, who could be more likely to have complications for COVID-19, can stay at home if they have the opportunity to stay at home. But Trieger says it's rare for the county to be confronted with the dilemma of trashing a dose or putting it in an ineligible person's arm.

LCPH spokesperson Jason Davis says with more vaccines coming into the state, vaccination clinics hosted by community partners happen more often.

Starting March 22, Davis says the state of Oregon will have 80,000 doses of the Janssen vaccine a week, double the collective number of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. Janssen is a single dose vaccine, but Moderna and Pfizer require two shots.

Davis says community-based organizations like WCC could be a big help. "They know who their people are and they have great relationships with them," he says. "It's almost like a franchise, where we come in and make sure the clinic can run and they're the face of the clinic. When you walk in to get your shot, you're meeting someone from that neighborhood association or whatever it is."

Although Davis says the county is expanding its vaccination sites with the introduction of Autzen Stadium beginning this weekend, it doesn't have the capacity to vaccinate every resident — or the ability to reach everyone and still be equitable.

Trieger says at some large-scale vaccine clinics, the Oregon National Guard has been directing traffic, so having smaller community-based events can be inviting for the Latinx community, for example, who may not feel welcome at a location where a person in uniform is present.

Davis says when groups — whether it's a nonprofit, neighborhood group or social justice organization — have ownership of vaccine clinics, the community has ownership of their health. It's a way to democratize public health and that's critical for LCPH, he adds.

"We need to make sure that is part of what happens when we address the next novel respiratory virus because this is not the last one." He adds that by viewing vaccination as a tool for a community, "that's really powerful, that's what we're pursuing."

The WCC event worked because of the volunteers, who gave all they could to make the event a success, Winbrosk says. "We are so lucky to live in this neighborhood, to have this community that was able to come together because we just care so much," he says. "Everyone pushed themselves to make this happen. There was no single person who did this by themselves. It was truly an effort of the community coming together." ■

Several EW staffers were among those vaccinated.



Photo by Emma Jones

the WCC brought in unhoused people from the Eugene Mission to the clinic.

"Our priority was making sure that folks who were eligible and signed up for their time slot got in to get their shots," he says. "We really didn't want to turn anyone away. We didn't want to waste a single dose given that Walgreens was given this mandate to use these doses as quickly as possible."

Walgreens initially considered spreading the doses over two days, but Winbrosk says the pharmacy decided to use all 500 doses on Friday because they saw it as a success.

According to a letter to WCC from a Walgreens employee obtained by *Eugene Weekly*, the employee gives the reason why the neighborhood group had a short timeline. On March 2, the federal government announced its plan to have pharmacies distribute the Janssen vaccine, which was approved for use Feb. 28, to certain populations throughout the U.S.

The rollout had to be fast, too, the letter adds, because the Biden administration also placed a seven-day timeline to gauge the capability and efficiency of pharmacies to distribute the vaccine. If educators had already been vaccinated, Oregon was allowed to vaccinate any other eligible populations. "This is the exact situation Oregon found itself in," the letter reads.

The letter says the WCC event was one of Walgreen's

Getting on Board

TWO CANDIDATES ARE RUNNING FOR POSITION THREE ON 4J'S SCHOOL BOARD

By Taylor Perse

It's a busy spring for Eugene School District 4J. As schools and students transition from virtual learning to hybrid in-person instruction for the first time in a year, the 4J Board of Directors is preparing for its May 18 election, where several board positions are up for reelection.

Two candidates have filed to run for position three on the board: incumbent Judy Newman, who is seeking a second term, and challenger Tom Di Liberto, a retired 4J Spanish immersion teacher. After the past year of remote learning, both candidates highlight the need for equity and representation when it comes to taking care of students and teachers — an issue exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Both candidates have received endorsements from prominent community members. Di Liberto is endorsed by the Eugene Education Association and former Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy. Newman is endorsed by Oregon Labor Commissioner Val Hoyle, current Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis, as well as several local state representatives.

Newman, who started her term on the board in 2017, says she decided to run again because her work isn't done. She says her first few years on the board have helped her attain a broader level of experience that she wants to continue to use moving forward.

As the director of Early Childhood CARES of Lane County, which provides early intervention and special education to young children, Newman says she's learned to be a good listener to parents and students from various situations. She says she's worked with children whose parents are incarcerated, children of Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) and kids with disabilities. If re-elected, Newman says one of her priorities is to continue building and supporting wrap-around services for schools, so that all students have resources moving forward, especially post COVID-19.

"This past year, COVID has been a huge focus and push to work with partnerships to make sure students'



JUDY NEWMAN



TOM DI LIBERTO

and families' basic needs are met," Newman says.

She says the pandemic showed the importance of giving students access to technology. Now that they are returning to classrooms, Newman says staff should adjust their approach, ensuring 4J schools have the right social and mental health services available to meet students' needs, because some may be struggling after all those months at home.

Di Liberto, who spent 31 years as a teacher for 4J, also has ideas on how the district should approach students returning to school, while keeping students and staff healthy. He says in addition to everyone having proper PPE, there needs to be extra cleaning measures in place, though it can get tricky with secondary grades who move more between classes.

Rather than having all the focus on catching them up, Di Liberto says students need to be met where they are at, both emotionally and physically.

"Just being dropped back into a classroom is pretty traumatic. I don't want those kids to be pushed off to the side," he says.

Both candidates say they believe the district needs to take large strides in addressing equity. Newman mentions the importance of wrap-around services again. The district's outside partnerships need to be expanded, she says. And because these systems in schools were built on a system of white supremacy, 4J needs to be working with consultants on how to restructure services so that all students benefit.

"To me, equity and inclusion isn't a stand alone thing. Whether it's food service or mental health service, it's not a separate initiative," Newman says. "It's got to be front and center."

And to be inclusive, there must be representation.

Newman says the district has made progress on hiring BIPOC teachers, but there is a long way to go.

"Our student population is really changing and becoming more diverse. Students are really seeing themselves in the staff and the school," Newman says.

Newman also serves on the district's budget and legislative committee. In creating policy for the district, she says it's crucial to hear and respect different perspectives.

In addressing equality, Di Liberto says the district's Equity Tool — an assessment for decision making that analyzes the equity of the policy or decision — is an excellent first step, but warns there needs to be a continual effort to communicate with the community, because the needs of families and schools vary across the district.

"It's not just proclaiming, 'We have a tool,'" Di Liberto says. "We have to do it right." Another part of the equity issue, he continues, is that class sizes and caseloads are too high, though Di Liberto acknowledges that it's expensive to do.

Di Liberto spent the last seven years of his teaching as a bargaining chair of the Eugene Education Association. In listening and advocating for teachers, Di Liberto says he has learned a lot and realized there needs to be more emphasis on community involvement. For example, he says the board should encourage and expand staff input during meetings.

Teacher retention is also an important aspect of that, Di Liberto says. One idea he has for this is a teacher mentorship program, something the district did years ago but doesn't have the budget for now. He says this would pair seasoned teachers with newer teachers, and they would provide support for each other.

"If you really want to keep good teachers you have to help them be successful," Di Liberto says. ■

slant

Local school board elections don't happen until mid-May, but campaigning is

happening right now. Our fine reporter Taylor Perse is interviewing candidates, and the *EW* editorial board will interview before we endorse. We'll ask about testing, equity, where the decisions are made for each school, the superintendent choice, and what else? Nothing is more important than public education in America today.

• As we go to press this week, we look back and remember how worried we were about making it through

what we thought was a couple weeks of low advertising revenues due to the COVID-19 induced shutdown. We are delighted that with the help of you readers, our advertisers and a couple PPP loans we are still here a year later and printing each week with our staff intact. It's not over yet, but brighter days are on the horizon.

• **"Falling Behind: Solving Oregon's Addiction Crisis"** is the topic for the March 19 City Club of Eugene program. It is based on a 2019 report from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, which found that Oregon "ranks among the most challenged states in the nation for substance abuse and mental health problems, while at the same time ranking among the

worst states for access and engagement with care." The program airs on the City Club's Facebook and YouTube pages starting at noon and on KLCC public radio Monday, March 22, at 7 pm.

• **If you want to forget about COVID for a moment and sink into sports**, like we do, the "Big Dance" starts this weekend. That's the NCAA Division 1 men's and women's basketball tournaments, and both Oregon and Oregon State are in each tournament for at least the first round. The pairings are available on the web. Let's hope fans in the Willamette Valley keep dancing well into March.

O'Rourke Unopposed

LONGTIME 4J SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ANNE MARIE LEVIS PULLS OUT OF THE RACE

By Camilla Mortensen

Laural O'Rourke grew up in Eugene and went to 4J schools, and her five children either attend or have graduated from 4J. Now she's running for the 4J school board, and the incumbent was so impressed by her candidacy that she has stepped aside and endorsed O'Rourke.

"I had this feeling in my heart that my time has passed, and it was really Laural's time," longtime school board member Anne Marie Levis says of her decision to back O'Rourke.

It was never that she was running against Levis, O'Rourke says, but rather that after her own experiences with 4J and inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, she felt compelled to run. Former Mayor Kitty Piercy suggested she run and signed on to chair the campaign.

Levis, who had been looking for the right person to fill her spot, says that she soon found people saying to her about O'Rourke, "I love you, but she's great!"

Levis decided to reach out to O'Rourke through a friend, "In normal times I would have met her by now." And after they chatted, "I just kept coming back to: She can do some of the things I can't do."

And when at a recent endorsement interview someone said, "The person you are running against is great, why

should we endorse you?" O'Rourke answered, "If it were me, I'd probably endorse her."

She adds, "I believe it in my soul. It's the right thing for the school district."

And, Levis says, O'Rourke and she are "really aligned" on the topic of mental health, which thanks to COVID was the reason Levis had originally decided to run yet again after 12 years on the board.

"When people like me know someone is better for a spot, we should endorse and step aside, I have had my time and done my work and done great work." Now, she says, "it's my time to step back."

O'Rourke says, "We did have a great conversation because we are both pretty straightforward talkers and I just take people as they come at me."

In addition to mental health, O'Rourke is focused on preparing the kids who aren't going to college for a future and making a living wage through funding and implementing Career and Technical Education. As someone who has worked on homelessness through her job in Human Services at Lane County, she wants every student, not just college bound students, to be ready to be economically independent, and sees that as a way to prevent poverty and homelessness.

She is also looking to improve 4J's communication and



LAURAL O'ROURKE

via City Club

teacher diversity as well as ensure equity for all students. She says three of her own children have IEPs, which are Individualized Education Programs written for students who need special education services.

O'Rourke also brings her own experiences in 4J schools. "I have the baggage of being a Black kid in school; I was heavily policed. My framework into my 40s was that I was a real bad kid." She laughs, "I didn't even try pot until I was in my 40s."

She says, "My mom is white, and she did the best she could, but I didn't have that Black voice saying, 'That's racism.' You internalized it all, and it's happening in our schools."

And mental health, she and Levis agree, "is profoundly important."

March 18 is the last day to file, and as of press time, O'Rourke is now the only candidate for position 2 on the 4J school board. ■

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Growing a Green Thumb

FORGET FARM SIMULATOR, IT'S TIME TO GROW FOR REAL

By Henry Houston

For the first two years of high school, I was active in Future Farmers of America. During that time, I raised two hogs, competed in agricultural mechanics competitions and was elected to organizational office at the school and county level.

As fate would have it, I never became a farmer and can't even grow crops in my backyard.

Now, I'd probably be better off playing the *Farming Simulator* video game series, but I've made the declaration that this is the year I'll grow a garden, a year after COVID turned everyone into a backyard gardener.

So I reached out to Oregon State University's Erica Chernoh, an assistant professor of practice with the Department of Horticulture and Master Gardener coordinator in Lane County. Chernoh broke down some of the need-to-knows — such as how to know which plants to germinate indoors, raised beds vs. on-the-ground planting and which plants are beginner-friendly.

Gardening is more than just plopping the seed into a

box full of soil. For some vegetables, you have to germinate in an indoor setting. "You have to start them when it's still too cold outside," she says. "You start your peppers and tomatoes indoors when you have cool nights, and you transplant them outdoors in May when soil temperatures and air temperatures have heated up."

Some other seeds can go directly into the ground, such as squash and peas, and others like tubers thrive like that because you disturb their roots if you transplant them.

Walking through any Eugene-Springfield neighborhood, it's not uncommon to see several raised beds filled with soil and some plants in people's yards. Chernoh tells me that raised beds are popular for gardening because it helps with drainage and warms up better than if you plant seeds in the ground. And she adds the soil in this area has a lot of clay in it, so it doesn't drain well and stays cold late into the spring.

Although I spent \$100 on two raised bed frames (I'm at the stage in life where family members give me home improvement store gift cards), Chernoh says that's unnecessary. "You don't have to have this wooden

structure around it," she adds. "You can simply build up a hill or a mound."

For us beginner gardeners, Chernoh offers some options that are easier. "Summer squash and zucchini," she says. "You'll probably have too much success," adding that those are the veggies that end up in freebie boxes in the area. Other easy to grow vegetables for beginners include beets, radishes and sweet peas.

As for the challenge? Those are the veggies that attract pests or are nutrient-demanding, she says. That includes broccoli, cauliflower or peppers. She advises beginners to not plant those the first year, "but some of the fun of gardening is experimenting a little bit," she says. "Don't be scared to experiment, just be prepared that every now and then the experiment won't go the way you want it."

So take a look at *Eugene Weekly's* annual planting guide and channel that experimental spirit with your garden — and hopefully I'll make my FFA past self proud with a bounty of zucchini and squash. ■

Oregon State University Extension Service's website is filled with resources for a range of gardeners. Visit Extension.OregonState.edu/Gardening for more information.

Bees, Birds & Beetles

PROMOTE BIODIVERSITY WITH SAFE ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES IN THE HOME GARDEN

By Rachel Foster

Grim news: According to a 2019 study, bird populations in the U.S. and around the world have diminished by at least 30 percent since 1970.

Songbirds have been particularly hard hit. Insect populations are declining, too — by about 1 to 2 percent a year world-wide, according to the Xerces Society, but much faster for certain insect species or types.

The greatest threat to biodiversity in general is habitat loss, mostly through the spread of urbanization and conventional agriculture. Climate change makes things worse, as droughts, hurricanes and wildfires make things tougher for all life on the planet.

Insects, crucially important to functioning ecosystems, are assaulted directly with pesticides and indirectly with massive herbicide use, both domestic and agricultural, that degrades their habitat and kills the plants they feed on. Insecticides and herbicides affect birds, too, both directly by poisoning and indirectly by destroying food sources and habitat. How can gardeners help?

For a start, of course, we can swear off pesticides and herbicides. Each solitary gardener may feel powerless to make a difference, but remember how many of us there are. A recent national survey showed that only about 18 percent of gardening U.S. households grow organically, so there's lots of room for improvement.

While a single, isolated nature-friendly garden may not help much, entire suburbs and rural developments, especially if they abut healthy natural areas, could potentially do a lot to expand and connect wildlife-friendly habitat. If your own yard borders on a natural or wild area, that's all the more reason to garden organically.

Other than avoiding pesticides and using organic fertilizers, how can we make our gardens friendlier to wildlife? First, leave some areas undisturbed. Being messy is harder for some people than others, but a few patches of unmown grass can be designed to look deliberate, and

even artistic-looking debris heaps and rock piles will provide safe harbor for snakes, beetles and all sorts of other arthropods, most of which are beneficial.

When you break down a neglected compost heap, take care not to injure little snakes nestled in the dry top layers. Garter snakes eat slugs and snails! Shrubs and trees provide vital food, shelter and nesting sites for birds.

When we moved to our present house just over 10 years ago, the average-sized lot was mostly covered in turf, with a few maturing fruit trees. Bit by bit, we smothered most of the turf and planted quite intensively with a variety of shrubs and big perennials, some native, some not. We've been amazed how quickly the bird population has grown in size and variety, in spite of many neighborhood cats. If we had more space I'd plant a big, untrimmed mixed hedge of native shrubs and small trees — an efficient way to provide food and habitat for a variety of birds and other critters.

Online you can easily find lists of plants for native pollinators and their larvae, and they can be useful if you are looking to accommodate specific species. You'll attract a vast array of bees and other insects simply by ensuring you have lots of flowers in bloom for as much of the year as possible, but don't forget it's their larvae that munch on leaves, and they are pickier.

We can help gleaning birds and overwintering insects by postponing fall clean-up until early spring, or by cutting perennials back to 6-12 inches, rather than all the way to the ground. Avoid overusing heavy mulches of fir bark and wood chips — they interfere with ground-nesting bees and beetles. In summer, water is crucial too — not just to birds, but insects also. Shallow containers are safer than deep ones for a range of critters, especially if you add a few stones for insects to perch on. Some insects, butterflies and mason bees included, use mud-puddles. Overhead watering in dry spells provides droplets that insects and small birds appreciate. ■

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The Handy Rice Knife

HAVE YOU DISCOVERED THE RICE KNIFE?



The illustration features a rice knife with a curved, serrated blade and a wooden handle, positioned diagonally. Behind the knife are two large sunflowers and a bee flying between them.

I knew nothing about this handy, inexpensive tool until I joined the volunteers at Hendricks Park Rhododendron Garden, where it is standard issue. It consists of a simple, saw-toothed blade (preferably stainless steel) attached to a bamboo, wood or plastic handle. You can buy one at Down to Earth for less than \$10. The teeth are slanted sharply (pun!) towards the handle: simply draw the tool towards you to undercut small weeds or slice through the tough stems of perennials and big grasses. A rice knife makes short work of those soggy Siberian iris leaves you forgot to deal last fall. ■



Planning is one of the most important elements of gardening. It is also one of the easiest steps to overlook, especially for the beginner. Knowing a few months ahead of time when you're going to need to plant and harvest your vegetables can save you serious heartache in the long run. Having your seeds, starts and preservation methods prepped and ready will ensure you the longest growing seasons, the most fruitful crops and the longest lasting life from your produce.

Keeping your eye on the calendar — and another on the weather — can extend the growing season. Many crops can be sown and planted throughout the warmest months — like peas or lettuce — to provide greens much longer than a single planting. Hearty crops — like kale and carrots — can be planted and tended all year 'round.

And while looking to growing, don't forget to take a moment and look to tending. Having a garden full of nutrient-rich soil, well-planned beds and adequate sunlight/water is just as important as getting your plants in the ground. These steps often carry the gardening experience outside of the growing season and mean investing in a good pair of rubber boots and tilling equipment.

This year we have prepared a yearlong look at some of the most popular crops for our area. This is in no way an exhaustive list, but it will provide beginning and experienced gardeners alike a quick glance at the year and a way to plan out the best garden possible.

— Sarah Decker

SOW

If you are a gardener who likes to start plants from seeds, there will be a time to start those little guys indoors (to protect them from the lingering foul weather).

After things start to warm up, it's all right to put them right in the ground.

PLANT

Whether you are ready to move the plants you have sprouted from seed inside or ready to plant starts you've got from your local nursery, now is the time.

HARVEST

Prepare to feast on the fruits (and vegetables) of your labors!

PREPARATION

SEPTEMBER- NOVEMBER

COVER CROPS

Once the harvest season is over and your beds are cleared, it is time to plant cover crops. Legumes like crimson clover give soil a healthy boost of nitrogen while various grasses will give you a good dose of green matter for tilling come spring.

JANUARY- FEBRUARY

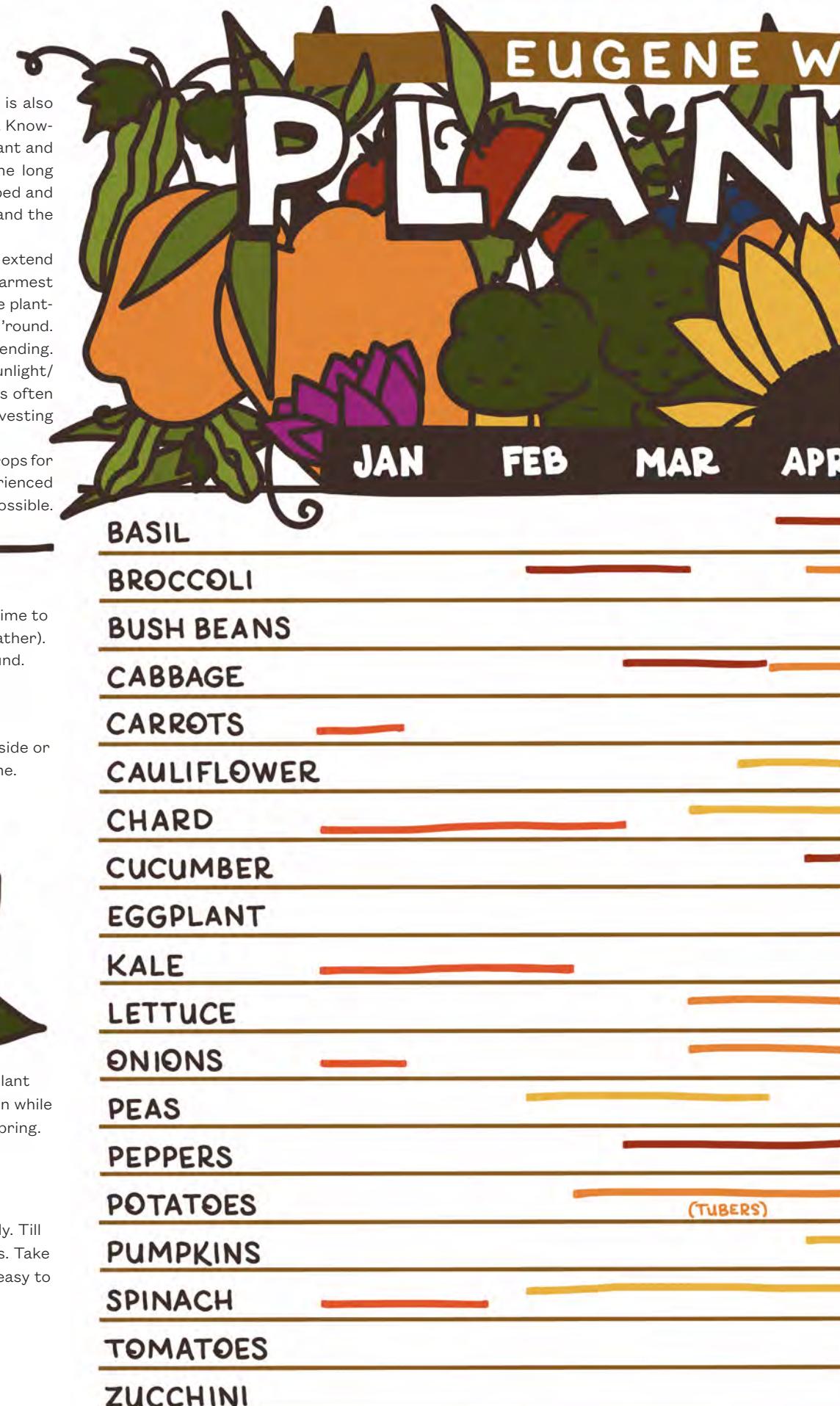
COMPOST/BUILD BEDS

You'll need to plan time before the planting season to get your garden ready. Till your cover crop into your soil, compost, map out your garden and build beds. Take into account drainage, bed width (limiting width to 4 feet makes the center easy to reach), companion planting and sunlight.

ALL GROWING SEASON

COMPOST TEA

A great way to give growing plants a little boost of nutrients.



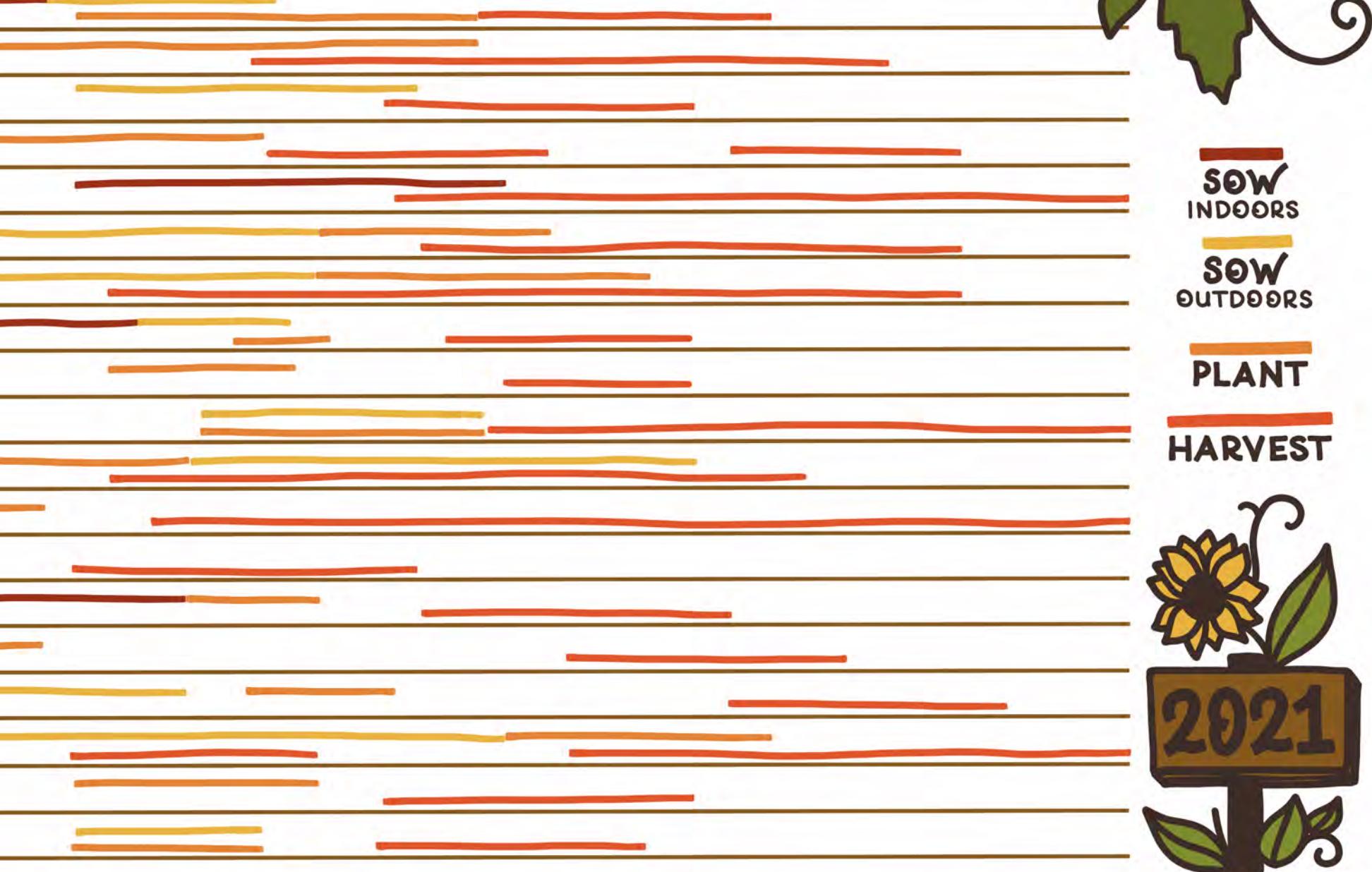
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It's a gorgeous walk through nature during a pandemic, brought to you by artist Margaret Prentice. A native of Indianapolis, Prentice found her way to the Willamette Valley and Eugene, where in recent years she has had a vibrant career exhibiting oil paintings of landscapes ranging from deserts to lush valleys and coastal beaches. *Exhibition: Coastal Waters / Desert Sands: Oil Paintings by Margaret Prentice* is showing through April at White Lotus Gallery. This is Prentice's third solo show at White Lotus, and she has had paintings shown in two group shows at the gallery, including *She Flies with Her Own Wings and Water*, both in 2019. She has had exhibits at the Rogue Gallery in Medford, the Governor's Office in Salem as well as having 10 of her works purchased by the University of Oregon and installed at Tykeson Hall on campus.

Exhibition: Coastal Waters / Desert Sands: Oil Paintings by Margaret Prentice is on exhibit through April 24 at White Lotus Gallery, 767 Willamette Street. The gallery's hours are 10 am to 4 pm Tuesday through Saturday. —Dan Buckwalter

GENERAL

LISTINGS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

ACTIVIST ALERT

Thursday, March 18: Security Culture, Grand Jury Resistance, & Ensuring Activist Network, 3-5pm. More info at CLDC.org.

Tuesday, March 23: Virtual Public Meeting: Climate Justice & Supporting Resilient Communities, 6pm, YouTube.com/longtomwsc..

ART EXHIBITS

Random Perfections & Embodied Experience (thru March 26), Maude Kerns Art Ctr,

The Unseen World of Infrared Photography (thru March 26), PhotoZone Gallery.

Dan Nelken: HeadStrong: The Women of Rural Uganda (thru March 26), Emerald Art Ctr.

Focus Artist at River Gallery - Carol Chapel (thru March 31), River Gallery, Independence.

A Line, A Mollusk Open Cover, throughout March. Schedule viewing appointments via Ditch Projects website.

Animal Collective - Invitational Exhibition (thru April 10), Karin Clarke Gallery.

Coastal Waters-Desert Sands, Oil Paintings by Margaret Prentice (thru April 24), White Lotus Gallery.

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, JSMA.Uoregon.edu.

FILM

The People vs. Agent Orange (thru March 18). More info at Watch.Eventive.org \$12.

DisOrient Asian American Film Festival 2021 (March 19-28). More info at DisOrient.org. \$9-48.

GATHERINGS

Free Tax Help (thru April 11). Appointments required. Call 541-954-7941 or email LaneTaxHelp@gmail.com.

Job Search Help by appointment at the downtown library. Call 541-686-7985 to schedule.

HEALTH

YMCA Choose-Your-Own Fitness Adventure: Oregon Edition (March 15-Sept. 13). More info at EugeneYMCA.org.

Zoom workout classes at CrossFit. Email Contact@CrossFitIntensify.com for more info.

Workout classes at IAmForeverStrong.com.

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Yoga classes at EugeneYoga.us; WildLightYogaCenter.com; EugeneMudra.com; HotYogaEugeneBalanced.com; YogaEugene.com.

All levels of yoga (chair, advanced, yoga for health

care workers and children) at Vista Wellness Center. Visit VistaPsych.com for more info.

KIDS/FAMILY

StoryWalks in the Parks w/ Eugene Public Library (Sheldon Community Ctr. thru April 12 & Petersen Barn Community Ctr. thru March 31). More info at 541-682-5450 or at Eugene-or.gov/library.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Discover OLLI-UO! (thru March 19), 9:30am-4pm, OSHER.Uoregon.edu.

The Gutenberg Dialogues: An In-depth look at Tyranny (every Wednesday thru May 19), 6:30-8pm. More info at Gutenberg.edu. \$32-63.

MUSIC

"Music to Save Earth's Songs," videos posted Mondays and Thursdays thru March. More info at LiberalArts.Oregonstate.edu.

THURSDAY

MARCH 18

ARTS/CRAFTS

Galleria at The Smith: Artist Gallery & Marketplace (thru Saturday), noon-6pm, 786 E. 13th Ave.

HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom Group @ NAMILane.org. RSVP at NAMILane.org.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Healing Through Discussion Group w/ Trauma Healing Group, 9:30-11am. More info at HealingAttention.org. FREE-\$15.

Women in Transition Information Sessions, 10-11am, Lanecc.edu.

ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

Thursday eKLeCtic, 8-10pm, KLCC, 89.7FM

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Comcast channel 29

RECREATION

Trivia w/ Elliot Martinez, 6-8pm, Covered Bridge Brewing Group in Cottage Grove (weather permitting; more info on Facebook).

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7-8am, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, 352 W. 12th Ave.

FRIDAY

MARCH 19

ART/CRAFT

Galleria at The Smith: Artist Gallery & Marketplace, noon-6pm, 786 E. 13th Ave.

GATHERINGS

City Club of Eugene: "Falling Behind: Solving Oregon's

Addiction Crisis," noon, Eugene City Club Facebook Page. Airs again at 7pm Monday, March 22 on KLCC, 89.7 FM

Food Not Bombs, cooking starts at noon (email EugeneFoodNotBombs@gmail.com for location), serves at 4pm at Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St. next to fountains.

In Conversation w/ Jeremy Nissel, Owner of J. Michael's Books, noon, EPLFoundation.org.

KIDS/FAMILY

Little Wonders: Museum Fun for Preschoolers, 10:30am, MNCH.Uoregon.edu.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Friday Night Writes: Quarantine Edition, 6-9pm, WordCrafters.org. FREE-\$15.

MARKETS

The Emporium Veneta, a pop-up shop, noon-6pm, Elmira Grange, 88764 Sprague Rd.

MUSIC

Henry Cooper Trio-5pm, Territorial Vineyards.

Friday Night Folk Music Live Stream, 7pm. More info at Kathryn Rose Celtic Folk Festival Facebook page.

SPIRITUAL

Healing w/ Spiritual Light, 7-9pm, LeiaHart.com.

Zen Meditation (instruction provided), 7pm. Zoom only at BlueCliffZen.org.

SATURDAY

MARCH 20

ART/CRAFT

Galleria at The Smith: Artist Gallery & Marketplace, noon-6pm, 786 E. 13th Ave.

FARMERS MARKETS

Lane County Farmers Market Winter Market, 10am-2pm, Park Blocks, 8th Ave. & Oak St.

GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 9:30am-3:30pm. More info at BurritoBrigade.org.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Google for Genealogy: Drives, Docs, Sheets & Photos, 10am-noon, OreGongs.org. \$15.

MARKETS

The Emporium Veneta, a pop-up shop, noon-6pm, Elmira Grange, 88764 Sprague Rd.

MUSIC

Geoffrey Mays, 5pm, Territorial Vineyards.

ON THE AIR

The Dr. Yeti Show, 10pm-midnight, KOCF, 92.5 FM or streamed at KOCF.org.

The Institute of Spectra Sound, 10pm-midnight, KEPW, 97.3 FM

THEATER

Majesticpiece Theatre presents *She Kills Monsters*, 7:30pm, App.arts-people.com. FREE-\$10.

SUNDAY

MARCH 21

GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 11am-4pm. More info at BurritoBrigade.org.

HEALTH

Occupy Medical, noon-4pm, 1717 Centennial Blvd, Spfd.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Panel Discussion: The Role of API Filmmakers in Supporting Black Lives Matter, 3-4pm. RSVP at DisOrient-Film.org.

RECREATION

Brewers Guild Bingo, 3-6pm, Covered Bridge Brewing Group in Cottage Grove (weather permitting; more info on Facebook).

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 4:30pm, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 352 W. 12th Ave.

Eugene Insight Meditation via Zoom, 6:30pm, Eugene-Insight.com.

MONDAY

MARCH 22

KIDS/FAMILY

Activity Kits for Kids (Pigeon Party theme), 10am, all Eugene Public Library locations.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

TUESDAY

MARCH 23

GATHERINGS

Lane County Audubon Society's March Program Meeting, 7-8:30pm, LaneAudubon.org.

KIDS/FAMILY

Pigeon Party Storytime, 11am, Eugene Public Library Facebook.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

Fire in Pacific Northwest Forests: Past, Present, and Future, 6-7:30pm. More info at GreatOldBroads.org.

Lamrim Practice, 6-7:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2.

New Zone Art Gallery Figure Drawing sessions, 6-9pm, New Zone Art Gallery.

LITERARY ARTS

TransPonder Book Club, 5-6pm. Transponder.Community.

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 24

LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

MUSIC

Live music - Acoustic, 5-8pm, Covered Bridge Brewing Group in Cottage Grove (weather permitting; more info on Facebook).

ON THE AIR

"Come Together Oregon," 6pm, KEPW, 97.3 FM

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7-8am, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 352 W. 12th Ave.

THURSDAY

MARCH 25

ARTS/CRAFTS

Galleria at The Smith: Artist Gallery & Marketplace, noon-6pm, 786 E. 13th Ave.

FILM

Springfilm: *Bad Education* - Live Stream & Film Discussion, 6:30pm, Springfield-or.libcal.com.

HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom Group @ NAMILane.org. RSVP at NAMILane.org.

KIDS/FAMILY

Spring Break w/ Springfield Public Library, 3:30pm, Springfield-or.libcal.com.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Healing Through Discussion Group w/ Trauma Healing Group, 9:30-11am. More info at HealingAttention.org. FREE-\$15.

Women in Transition Information Sessions, 10-11am, Lanecc.edu.

Oregon's History of African American and Japanese Timber Workers, 6:30-8pm. More info at EW's online calendar..

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ATTENTION

Community volunteers are needed to become long-term care ombudsmen to advocate for those in Oregon who live and receive care in nursing homes, assisted living and memory care facilities. The next online training sessions are scheduled for April 13, 15,



Connecting Through Culture

THE DISORIENT ASIAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL SCREENS VIRTUALLY FROM MARCH 19-28

By Emily Topping

The 16th annual DisOrient Asian American Film Festival almost didn't happen this year. Last year's festival, which screened March 10-15, narrowly became one of the final in-person art events held in Eugene before COVID-19 forced arts businesses from movie theaters to concert venues to shutter their doors.

The idea of revamping the film festival for online viewing this year was daunting. Then, nearly three months into quarantine, a second national tragedy occurred that made DisOrient directors rethink the festival's hiatus.

"In May, the George Floyd murder happened. And we were suddenly thrown into a period of racial reckoning," DisOrient Program Director Susan Hirata says.

As protests sparked across the country, along with revitalized conversations surrounding white supremacy and allyship, Hirata and Executive Director Pamela Quan knew they needed to create a platform for meaningful discussions about social justice.

"We decided we can't not hold space for these conversations, because now is the time," Hirata says. "There is a long history of Asian Americans and Black people working as allies. Sometimes white supremacy drives a wedge between minorities, but we need to work together."

This year, DisOrient will continue its 15-year history of featuring independent movies, documentaries and short films with a focus on "social justice themes that translate to universal human experiences." This year's festival includes a live stream panel discussion titled "The role of API filmmakers in supporting Black Lives Matter." Panelists include Karen Ishizuka, writer, documentary producer and chief curator of the Japanese American National Museum, and Hisonni Mustafa, a Guyanese American cinematographer and filmmaker known for his work on the series *Grayson: Earth One*.

Since its inception, the DisOrient Asian American Film Festival has aimed to foster understanding in a community where minority viewpoints are not always explored.

"In Eugene there are not a lot of opportunities for people to enter into non-white spaces," Hirata says. "Our festival gives us a chance to do that."

While the films screened at DisOrient focus on the Asian American and Pacific Islander experience — some telling stories of immigration, diaspora and assimilation — the narratives are broadly human. Films explore themes of elder care, drug use and socioeconomic struggles.

One feature film, *See You Then*, directed by trans filmmaker Mari Walker, follows the one-night journey of a transgender computer programmer and an Asian

City last year, according to data from the NYPD — these discussions are particularly poignant.

"If people were more familiar with our stories, we wouldn't have this problem of anti-Asian racism," Quan says. "We're using DisOrient to counter that."

Exploring the broad spectrum of Asian American life can also be refreshing for a community that finds itself woefully underrepresented on screen. While 5.4 percent of the U.S. population is Asian American, they made up only 1.4 percent of lead characters in studio films in 2014, according to Time. Films produced by, for and starring

Asian Americans allow for a source of cultural pride.

"In the past I've seen youth who don't want to draw attention to their own identity and differences," Quan says. "But I've seen growth, just by us existing, and creating art."

Directors of the DisOrient Asian American Film Festival hope that their event sparks opportunity for connection, both across communities and in homes.

This year, films will screen over a 10-day period starting March 19. Once a ticket is purchased for a film, it can be viewed multiple times or in several sittings over the course of a 24-hour rental period. As Quan points out, this means parents could first view a film before sharing it with their children.

"Maybe you decide you want to have that talk about racism, or drug use, or mental health," Quan says. "Our films are a great way to do that."

Quan recommends holding watch parties and talking about the movies with family and friends.

Although DisOrient will be held online this year, the magic of what makes film festivals so special — the chance to connect with others — remains.

"They say you've never seen a film until you've talked about it," Hirata says. "These films beg to be talked about."

DisOrient Asian American Film Festival runs March 19-28. Tickets are \$9 for a single show, \$48 for an all-access pass, at DisOrientFilm.org. Screenings, Q&A with filmmakers and the panel discussion on "The role of API filmmakers supporting Black Lives Matter" open on March 19.



American performance artist who reunites 15 years after dating in college. Another film, the semi-autobiographical *Coming Home Again*, follows Chang Rae-Lee, a Korean American novelist who earned his MFA from the University of Oregon, as he returns to San Francisco to care for his elderly mother.

The goal, Quan says, is to show audiences that these stories, too, are what it means to be American.

At a time of dramatically increased violence against Asian Americans — hate crimes motivated by anti-Asian sentiment skyrocketed by 1,900 percent in New York

Life Lessons

EUGENE'S **SAMMY WARM HANDS** RELEASES MEMOIR,
RETIREES FROM TOURING

By Will Kennedy

Sam Wartenbee has always been DIY. "I self-published a book in elementary school," the rapper, musician, podcast host and author who grew up in Eugene says. "My school library kept it on file for years and years. I have younger friends say, 'I saw a book you wrote in the school library!' I was thinking big at a young age."

Wartenbee and I are talking on the occasion of his new, self-published memoir, *How to Ruin Your Life: The Daily Grind of a DIY Tour*. It's Wartenbee's second music memoir. The first, *Famous Last Words*, came out in 2015, and with the release of his new book, Wartenbee, who performs as Sammy Warm Hands, has also announced his retirement from touring.

Wartenbee has worked tirelessly, releasing scores of albums both as a solo artist and with hip-hop groups like The ILLusionists, as well as hardcore punk bands like Dead Fucking Serious. In muscular and conversational prose, *How to Ruin Your Life* tells the ups and downs of Wartenbee's DIY tours, beginning with his first national outing in 2011.

Wartenbee sat down to talk with *Eugene Weekly* about his new book, sick cats and how life as a musician can burden a marriage.

EW: Tell us more about your decision to retire from touring.

WARTENBEE: I've been careful to meditate on that before I said anything. The pandemic really only reaffirmed my feelings. I was already feeling I had put in all this work, and tours were not growing; they were getting worse and worse. I was working harder and getting diminished returns.

When the pandemic happened, I was watching all my friends say, 'I miss playing shows,' and I just don't. I put in my time, got my 10,000 hours and my 100,000 miles.

What's the timeframe of the story?

In 2011, I sold my car, I quit my job, we bought a van and we did it. It seemed like an upward trajectory, but it got to a point where the grind became more of



Illustration by Pat Jensen

a focus than the shows — enduring it, rather than enjoying it.

What is a crowning achievement in the book, and what is a lowest low?

Just accomplishing the I Quit My Job for This Tour [in 2011] is one of the biggest accomplishments, by a long shot. We did 40 days, no agent, no help, no nothing. We played 19 states — states, not cities. It was very much like boot camp for the road, and I learned a lot.

In terms of lows, there's a number of them. One that comes to mind, my cat was very sick when I was leaving for the tour. He got worse and worse. I had to fly home to put him down. I would leave with maybe \$100 in pocket, eating one meal a day. That tour, I have all this baggage at home, but no one was turning out. I had to have a GoFundMe to get plane tickets to fly home.

I did that, I put down my cat, and my wife's grandpa died the next day. Because I'm so fixed on honoring my commitments, I flew back anyway and finished the tour. When we got there we were double-booked and we didn't even get to play our set.

I'm there, while my wife is alone in an empty house, suffering. And I'm going, "What am I doing this for?"

What do you hope a "Sam" that's 10 or 15 years behind you, but who aspires to do what you've done, might take away from the book?

I would say, go for it. Absolutely. Manage your expectations. Come prepared. Protect yourself. This is not some rock star fantasy. This is sleeping in Walmart parking lots and eating one meal a day. If you do it, be ready to work.

So you're done with touring but you're not done with music?

Absolutely not. I'm not done, as far as I'm concerned, I'm on top of my game. I'm creatively better than ever. ■

With a foreword from acclaimed independent hip-hop musician and CrushKill recording artist Carnage the Executioner, How to Ruin Your Life: The Daily Grind of a DIY Tour by Sammy Warm Hands is out March 30. It is now available for pre-order at Take92.com.



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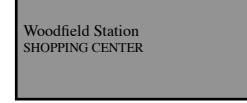
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY, Case No. 21PBO1728. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS in the matter of the Estate of Hugh J. Rachor, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that William Rachor has qualified and been appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present them, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published this 18th day of March, 2021. Attorney for Personal Representative: Josie Sustaire, OSB#144416 DC Law, McKinney & Sperry, PC, PO Box 1265, Roseburg, OR 97470, Telephone: 541-673-4451, Fax: 541-673-1202, Email: jsustaire@douglascountylaw.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY, Probate Department. In the Matter of the Estate of DIANNE L. FARRALD, Deceased. No. 20PBO1796 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is hereby given that Dannon Farrald and Dustin Farrald have been appointed and have qualified as the co-personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the co-personal representatives at: Dannon Farrald and Dustin Farrald, C/O Lynn Shepard, Attorney at Law, 66 Club Road, Suite 200 Eugene, Oregon 97401, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published: 03/18/21. /s/ Dannon Farrald, Co-Personal Representative. /s/ Dustin

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Jonesin' Crossword

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Across

- 1 Texting format
- 4 Iran's leader, once
- 8 Counts with margins of error
- 13 Deviation in a rocket's course
- 14 Prefix meaning "end"
- 15 Prove to be successful
- 16 Winter road clearer
- 18 Purport
- 19 D&D enemy
- 20 Grass cutter that might use a battery
- 22 Feeling of guilt
- 23 Used up
- 24 The "A" in PTA, for short
- 25 Test that might be "open"
- 27 Composer ___ Carlo Menotti
- 29 Acquire a second time
- 34 Mountain Dew energy drink
- 37 First name in fabric stores
- 38 Made a pit
- 39 Fu Mingxia, for one
- 41 Boston team, for short
- 42 Group in Santa Fe or Sacramento
- 45 "Switched-On Bach" synthesizer
- 46 "Mr. Robot" network
- 47 "Quantum of Solace" actress Kurylenko
- 50 Rice wine used in Japanese cooking
- 53 Hard work
- 57 Serious symptom of a cold, maybe
- 59 Quadruped up in the sky?
- 60 ___-Bissau (African country)
- 61 Actor shown in "One does not simply..." memes
- 63 Nod, e.g.
- 64 "At Last" singer James
- 65 Tree on Connecticut's quarter
- 66 Negatives from Nijinsky

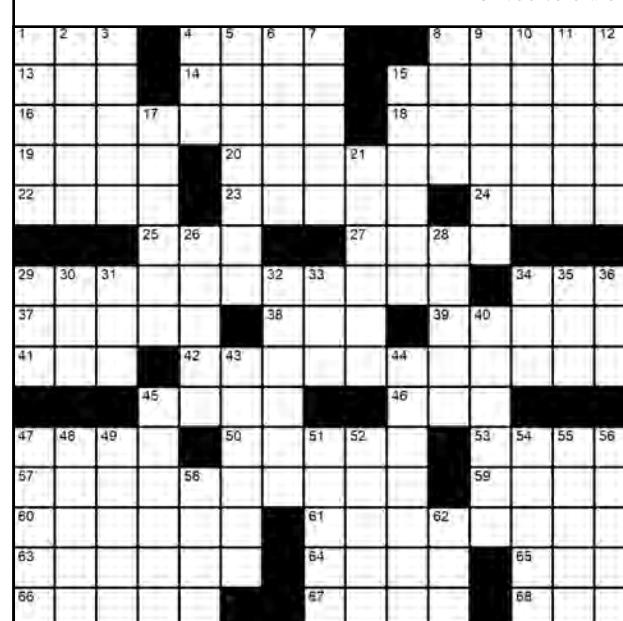
- 67 Holder of many a merit badge
- 68 Toots and the Maytals genre

Down

- 1 Early online admin
- 2 Genre for "One-Punch Man"
- 3 Given an oath, with "in"
- 4 Longtime NASCAR sponsor
- 5 Assists, as with entering a tall pickup truck
- 6 Knocked for ___
- 7 "This is ___ Do It" (Montell Jordan hit)
- 8 It's good for at least a few dates
- 9 Checked out for a bit
- 10 Chain that merged with AMC Theatres
- 11 Equipment used in Winter Olympics
- 12 Back of a yacht
- 15 Title ender of a 1974 film
- 28 Lake Titicaca's locale
- 29 Morning beverages, informally
- 30 Rude sound from a spectator
- 31 Invoice add-on
- 32 Samuel Barber's "___ for Strings"
- 33 Clean out completely, as a building
- 34 "Selma" director DuVernay
- 35 Ran into
- 36 Cautionary beginning?
- 40 Place for a nursery rhyme trio
- 43 Garfield, for one
- 44 Gardening headwear
- 45 Fridge ornament
- 47 Hammond B-3, notably
- 48 Pretty dang bad
- 49 False front
- 51 Deceptive ploys
- 52 "___ Kick Out of You"
- 54 Cookies with a recent Lady Gaga-themed variety
- 55 "Wicked Game" singer Chris
- 56 Sri ___
- 58 "... three French ___"
- 62 "Yeah, probably not"

"Not Quite!"

-looks can be deceiving



FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): Poet Ocean Vuong speaks of the Hawaiian word *kipuka*. It refers to a patch of earth that doesn't get covered with lava when an active volcano exudes its molten material. "Before the lava descended," Vuong writes, "that piece of land was insignificant, just another scrap in an endless mass of green." But now that piece of land is special, having endured. I encourage you to identify your metaphorical equivalent of *kipuka*, Aries. It's an excellent time to celebrate the power and luck and resilience that have enabled you to persevere.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): "Extraordinary things are always hiding in places people never think to look," writes Taurus author Jodi Picoult. Luckily for you, Taurus, in the near future you'll be prone to look in exactly those places — where no one else has thought to look. That means you'll be extra likely to find useful, interesting, even extraordinary things that have mostly been hidden and unused. You may also discover some boring and worthless things, but the trade-off will be worth your effort. Congratulations in advance on summoning such brave curiosity.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): "When we ask for advice, we are usually looking for an accomplice," said Gemini author Saul Bellow. So if you have come here today to read my horoscopes, it's possible that you're seeking an accomplice to approve of you making a decision or a move that you have already decided to do. OK. I'll be your accomplice. But as your accomplice, the first thing I'll do is try to influence you to make sure your upcoming actions serve not only your own selfish interests (although there's nothing wrong with that), but also serve the interests of people you care for. The weeks ahead will be a favorable time to blend self-interest and noble idealism.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): A character in Barbara Kingsolver's novel *The Lacuna* is told to "go rub his soul against life." Now I'll advise you to do the same. Why? While it's true that you have a beautiful soul, you sometimes get in the habit of hiding it away or keeping it secret. You feed it a wealth of dreams and emotions and longings, but may not go far enough in providing it with raw experience out in the messy, chaotic world. In my judgment, now is one of those times when you would benefit from rubbing your soul against life. Please note: I don't mean you should go in search of rough, tough downers. Not at all. In fact, there are plenty of pleasurable, safe, educational ways to rub your soul against life.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): If you love the work of self-help author Paulo Coelho, you might be inclined to adopt his motto as your own: "Being vulnerable is the best way to allow my heart to feel true pleasure." But maybe you wouldn't want to adopt his motto. After all, what he's suggesting requires a great deal of courage and daring. Who among us finds it easy and natural to be soft and receptive and inviting? And yet according to my analysis of the astrological omens, this is exactly what your assignment should be for the next two weeks. To help motivate yourself, remember the payoff described by Coelho: the possibility that your heart will feel true pleasure.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): Virgo author Michael Ondaatje celebrates "the hidden presence of others in us — even those we have known briefly. We contain them for the rest of our lives, at every border we cross." As you approach your own upcoming border-crossing, dear Virgo, I encourage you to tune into memories about seven specific people who over the course of your life have provided you with the most joy and the most interesting lessons. Close your eyes for 20 minutes and imagine they are all gathered together with you in your favorite sanctuary. Remember in detail the blessings they bestowed on you. Give thanks for their influences, for the gifts they gave that have helped you become your beautiful self.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): "A balance that does not tremble cannot weigh. A person who does not oscillate cannot live." So wrote biochemist Erwin Chargaff, who did crucial research leading to the discovery of DNA's double helix structure. Since you're the zodiac's expert on balance and oscillation, and because these themes will be especially meaningful for you in the coming days, I'll ask you to meditate on them with extra focus. Here's my advice: To be healthy and resilient, you need to be aware of other possibilities besides those that seem obvious and simple and absolutely true. You need to consider the likelihood that the most correct answers are almost certainly those that are paradoxical and complicated and full of nuance.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): In her poem "Sandra," Scorpio poet Ariana Reines testifies that she has too many feelings — and that's not a problem. On the contrary. They are her wealth, she says, her "invisible splendor." I invite you to regard your own "too many feelings" in the same way, especially in the coming weeks. You will have opportunities to harness your flood of feelings in behalf of transformative insights and holistic decision-making. Your motto: Feelings are healing.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): Historian and author Thomas Berry described "wildness" as the source of our "authentic spontaneities." He said it's "the wellspring of creativity" at the root of our lust for life. That's a different definition from the idea that wildness is about being unruly, rough and primitive. And Berry's definition happens to be the one that should be central to your work and play in the coming weeks. Your assignment is to be wild: that is, to cultivate your authentic spontaneities; to home in on and nourish the creative wellspring of your lust for life.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): Some of the great discoveries in the history of physics have been made while the trailblazing physicists are lolling in bed or in the bathtub. They have done the research and carried out the rigorous thinking, and are rewarded with breakthroughs while relaxing. I think that will be your best formula for success in the coming weeks. Important discoveries are looming. Interesting innovations are about to hatch. You're most likely to gather them in if you work intensely on preparing the way for them, then go off and do something fun and rejuvenating.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): My typical horoscope is an average of 108 words long. In that limited space, I can't possibly tell you all the themes and threads that will be active for you during the upcoming phase of your cycle. I have to make choices about what to include and what not to include. This time I'll focus on the fact that you now have an opportunity to deepen your relationship with your sense of smell — and to purposefully nourish your sense of smell. Your homework: Decide on at least five scents with which you will cultivate an intimate, playful, delightful connection in the coming days. (PS: You may be surprised at how this practice will deepen your emotional connection with the world.)

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): No one had ever proven that there was such a thing as electromagnetic waves until Piscean physicist Heinrich Hertz (1857-1894) did so in 1886. He was the innovator who first transmitted and received controlled radio waves. Alas, he didn't think his breakthrough was useful. In 1890, he confessed, "I do not think that the wireless waves I have discovered will have any practical application." But other scientists were soon capitalizing on his work to communicate long distances. Radio broadcasts were born. I will encourage you not to make a Hertzian-type mistake in the coming months. Always follow through on your initial labors. Have faith that the novelties you dream up will eventually have practical value.

Homework. If you believed everything you see in the "news," you'd be so full of despair you couldn't move. Describe how you protect yourself. Truthtrooster@gmail.com

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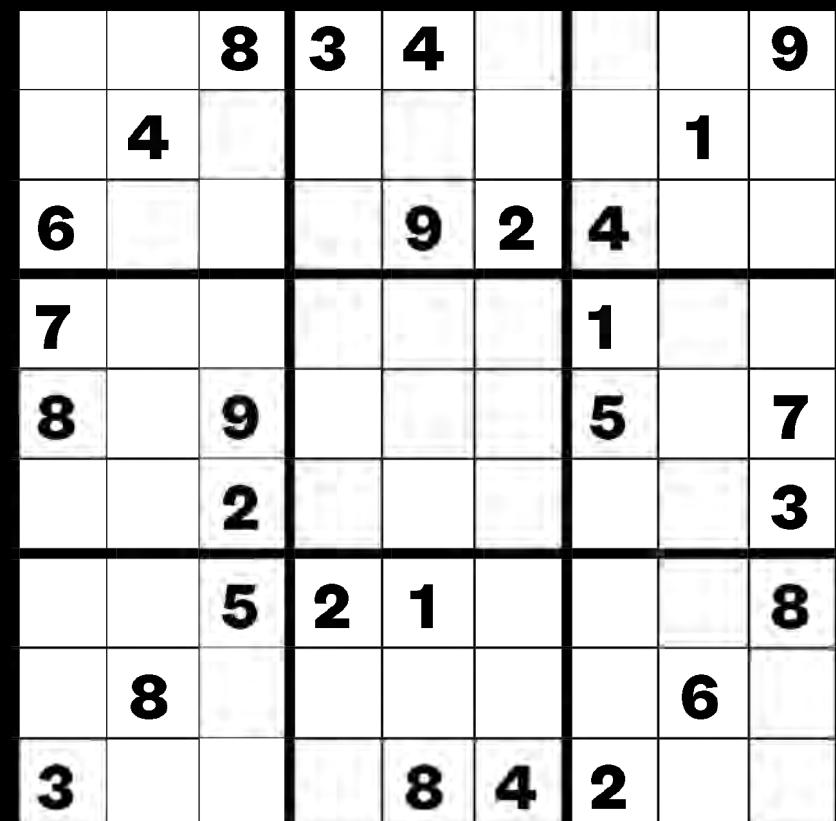
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE, Probate Department. In the Matter of the Estate of ALBERT R. MYERS, Deceased. No. 21PBO1297 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above entitled estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned Personal Representative at the office of Mark F. Bierly, Attorney at Law, 345 NE Sixth St., McMinnville, Oregon 97128, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or they may

be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published this 11th day of March, 2021. /s/ RICHARD C. MYERS, Personal Representative, 14665 NW Pheasant Hill Rd., McMinnville, OR 97128. MARK F. BIERLY, Attorney for Personal Representative, 345 NE Sixth St., McMinnville, OR 97128, (503)472-9337

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS - IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY - PROBATE DEPARTMENT Case No. 21PBO1043. In the matter of the Estate of Charles John Tintera, Jr., Deceased, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Charleen Mae Hallermann has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the aforementioned personal representative c/o Northwest Legal, Attn: Jinoo Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Northwest Legal, Attn: Jinoo Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401

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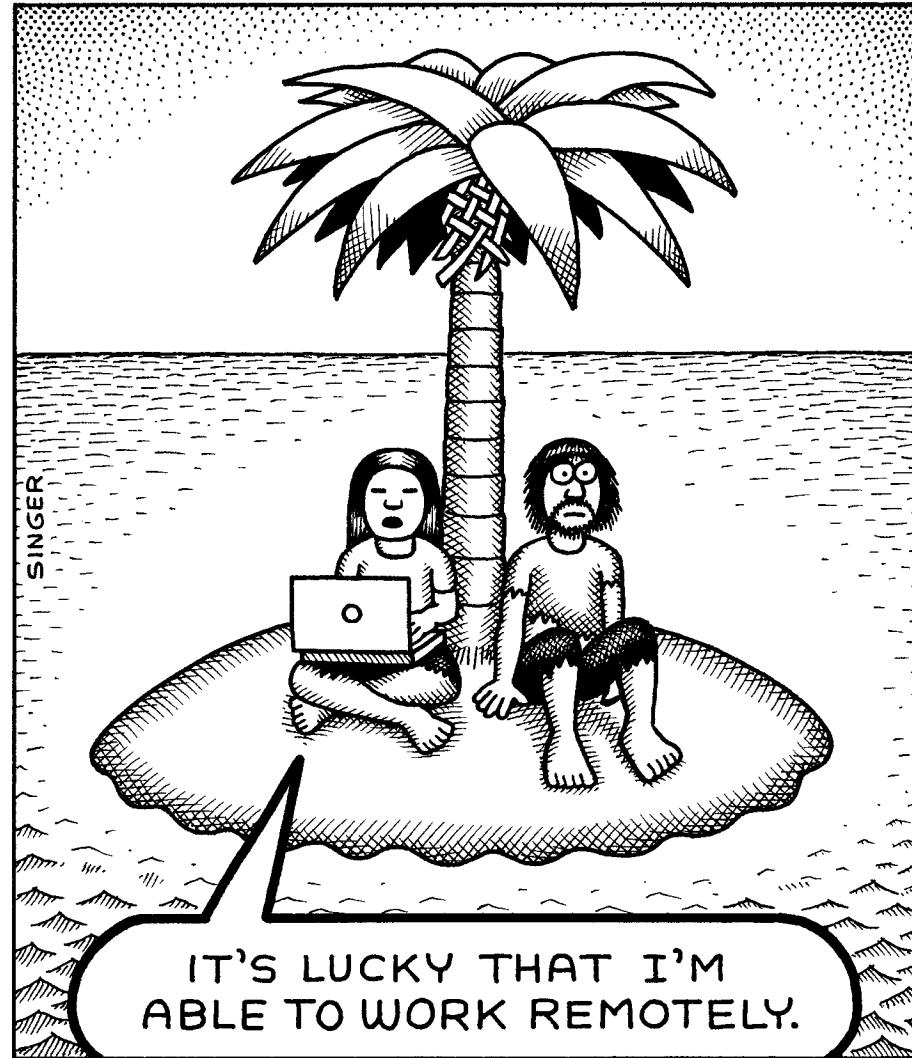
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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS: Probate proceedings in the Estate of Marjorie Eugenia Peckham, Deceased, are now pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, Case No. 21PB01957, and John Peckham has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the Personal Representative, c/o Gleaves Swearingen LLP, Attorneys at Law, 975 Oak Street, Suite 800, Eugene, OR 97401, within 4 months from the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims may be barred. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to all persons whose rights may be affected by the above-entitled proceedings that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published this 11th day of March, 2021.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS: Probate proceedings in the Estate of William D. Young, Deceased, are now pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, Case No. 21PB01447, and Diana K. Young has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the Personal Representative, c/o Gleaves Swearingen LLP, Attorneys at Law, 975 Oak Street, Suite 800, Eugene, OR 97401, within 4 months from the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first publication: 03/18/21. /s/ Barbara Long, Personal Representative. Kay Hyde-Patton, Attorney for Personal Representative, Leahy Cox, LLP, 188 W. B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, (541)746-9621



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BY DAN SAVAGE



A male friend — not my best friend but a close one — told me his wife was really attracted to me, another male, and asked if I was attracted to her. His wife is an incredibly hot woman, and I thought it was a trick question. I read your column and listen to the Savage Lovecast, Dan, so I know there are guys out there who want other men to sleep with their wives, of course, but I didn't want to risk offending this friend by saying "FUCK YEAH" too quickly. After he convinced me it wasn't a trick, I told him that of course I wanted to have sex with his wife. She's incredibly beautiful and a really great person. I told him was that I not at the least bit bisexual and not into MMF threesomes and he told me he wouldn't even be there. He just wanted to hear all the details later — and hear them from me, not her.

I've slept with his wife four times since and the sex we've been having is phenomenal for both of us. But the talks I have afterward with my friend make me uncomfortable. We've gotten on the phone later in the day or the next day and I give him the details and insult him a little, which he likes, and honestly none of that is the problem. What makes me uncomfortable is that I can hear him beating off during these phone calls. Which makes me feel like I'm having phone sex with a guy. I'm not comfortable with this and I feel like our friendship has become sexualized in a way that just feels unnatural for me. The one time we met in person to talk after I fucked his wife he was visibly aroused throughout our entire conversation. I would like to keep fucking my friend's wife and she wants to keep fucking me, but I don't want to talk with my friend about it afterwards. Shouldn't it be enough for him to just know I'm fucking her?

— Distressed Aussie Chafes Under Cringe Kink

P.S. This is his thing, not hers. She loves having sex with me, but the calls to her husband don't do anything for her.

It's obviously not enough for him to know you're fucking his wife. If that was enough for him, DACUCK, he wouldn't want to get on the phone afterward.

This is a consent question. If your friend consents to his wife having sex with other men on the condition that he hears about it afterward — and hears about it from those other men — that condition has to be met for the sex she's having with other men to be consensual. And while the calls afterwards aren't a turn-on for his wife, DACUCK, if those calls make it possible for her to sleep with other men and she enjoys doing that, well then, the calls actually are doing something for her, too. You're not obligated to have these conversations with your friend if they make you uncomfortable — because of course you're not — but if you were to refuse, DACUCK, then your friend might withdraw his consent for you to fuck his wife. Your friend and his wife might be willing to revise these conditions just for you, DACUCKS, so it couldn't hurt to ask. But if he says no, you don't get to fuck his wife anymore. Or if he says no and his wife keeps fucking you, well then, she'd cheating on him for real and not "cheating" on him for fun.

Zooming out for a second: you knew this was a turn-on for your friend before you fucked his wife. You knew he was a cuckold, which means you knew he would be getting off on you fucking his wife, DACUCK, which means you knew he'd be out there somewhere beating off about you and your dick. Even if he didn't want to hear from you directly afterwards, even if he was pumping the wife for the details, your friendship was sexualized pretty much from the moment he asked you to fuck his wife and you agreed.

So the problem isn't the sexualization of this friendship or the awareness that this dude is out there beating off about you. The problem is having to listen to him beat off when you get on the phone — or having to see him become visibly aroused when you meet up in person — and there's a pretty easy workaround for that. (I love a solvable problem!) Instead of giving him a call after you've fucked his wife, use the voice memo app on your phone to record a long, detailed, insult-strewn message after you've fucked his wife and send it to him. You'll still get to fuck his wife, he'll still get to hear about it from you, and you won't have to listen to him doing what you damn well knew he'd be doing after you fucked his wife, i.e. furiously beating off about you.

I'm a 20-something hetero female living in the South. I'm having trouble with my boyfriend of almost three years. We are very happy together but our sex life is lackluster. The really strange part is that the sex, when we have it, is always good. It's intense and satisfying. However, getting sex to happen is a challenge. My boyfriend has a lower libido, but it's not a huge discrepancy. I want sex two or three times per week and he wants it maybe once per week. We have compromised on twice a week. However, the sex is routine and banal. It always happens on the same days — Sundays and Wednesdays — and there's no spontaneity at all, which makes it boring for me. In addition, my boyfriend never initiates. He has a history of being promiscuous — he slept with about 100 women before we were together — and I am completely fine with that. But he has admitted to me that he misses his promiscuous life and that monogamy is difficult for him. He says he loves me and that he wants to make this work. He is the person I want to marry, but I feel like I'm settling sexually. Please help.

— Becoming Annoyed Now About Lovemaking

The sex, when you have it, is intense and satisfying... but routine and banal at the same time because there's no spontaneity. The obvious answer is obvious: If having sex at the same time and in the same place is ruining the intense and satisfying sex you're having, BANAL, maybe don't always have sex at the same time or in the same place? And since you're the initiator and that's unlikely to change — turning a cheater into a faithful partner is easier than turning a non-initiator into an initiator — that means you're in charge of the when and the where. You've already compromised on having sex twice a week, which is your low-end preference and double his preference (so you got the better end of that deal), and now all you gotta do is initiate sex on different days, at different times and in different places. Easy-peasy.

Now for the non-obvious answer, BANAL: You need to listen to what your boyfriend is telling you. Monogamy is difficult for everyone, not just your boyfriend, but some people find it more difficult than others. And asking someone who finds monogamy extremely difficult to make a monogamous commitment... yeah, that's not a great plan. This isn't entirely on you; someone whose libido tanks when they're in a monogamous relationship and/or someone who's way more interested in sex when they're free to sleep around shouldn't be making monogamous commitments. Or not making them yet. Monogamy might not be right for your boyfriend at the moment, BANAL, but that doesn't mean it won't be right for him ever. Just like sex you have to schedule might not be right for you now, while in your mid-twenties, but that doesn't mean scheduled/routine/maintenance sex won't be right for you ever.

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